

**FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
FEBRUARY 12, 2019, 10:00 A.M.  
COMMISSIONERS/COUNCIL MEETING ROOM, #203**

The Franklin County Commissioners met in regular meeting on February 12, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners/Council Meeting Room. Those present were Tom Wilson, Tom Linkel, ~~Gerald Wendel~~, Carol Westerman, Commissioner's Secretary and Karla Bauman, Franklin County Auditor. Gerald Wendel was absent.

The meeting was opened and pledge of allegiance led by President, Tom Wilson.

**Wayne Bauer, Statue and Proclamation of Lew Wallace:** Mr. Bauer with the Franklin County Historical Society presented an update to the Commissioners on the proclamation and statue of Lew Wallace which will be dedicated on May 19, 2019 on the courthouse lawn. Commissioners granted the Franklin County Historical Society the use of the courthouse lawn on May 19, 2019 for the dedication of the Lew Wallace statue.

**Joe Copeland, Franklin County Engineer:** Mr. Copeland presented an LPA-Consulting Contract with SJCA P.C. for St. Mary's Road and Bridge No. 57. **Motion to approve the LPA Consulting Contract with SJCA P.C. for St. Mary's and Bridge No. 57 in the sum of \$188,230.00 by Tom Linkel, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.**

Mr. Copeland presented two Task Orders for the Commissioners approval and signatures. **Motion to approve Task Order No. 2, Pipe Creek Road over Pipe Creek in the sum of \$6,500 and Task Order No. 3, Bulltown Road over Little Salt Creek in the sum of \$6,500, with SJCA P.C. by Tom Linkel, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Award Semi Tractor (Highway): Motion to approve the Shirks International bid in the sum of \$58,000.00 for a 2014 Int. Prostar semi-tractor by Tom Linkel, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.**

A proposal for SJCA to do the ADA transition Plan for the county in the sum of \$29,796.90 was taken under advisement by the Commissioners. Presently there is not money in place in the 2019 budget to pay for this and Council will need to approve an additional.

Mr. Linkel has put in a request with County Council to transfer the remaining funds in Mr. Copeland's salary line to contractual services.

Mr. Copeland thanked the Commissioners for allowing him to serve the citizens of Franklin County.

**On-Call Professional Services – Engineer:** Doug Graf with USI Consultants, Inc. presented an agreement to the Commissioners to provide engineering services to the County for their consideration. The County will basically receive the same engineering services we are currently getting with an employed engineer. **Motion to approve the On-Call Professional Services agreement with USI Consultants, Inc. not to exceed \$41,250 for the remainder of 2019, by Tom Linkel, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Pulskamps - Jail Flooring Quote:** Correction to last week's motion in regards to the quote received by Pulskamps for the flooring at the jail. **Motion to approve the Pulskamps quote for the jail flooring in the sum of \$3,649.00, by Tom Linkel, seconded by Tom Wilson, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Open Bids:** The bids for tree cutting and trimming were opened. A bid from Arbor Cut and Creative Landscapes, Inc. **Motion to take bids under review to be awarded at the February 26<sup>th</sup> Commissioner Meeting by Tom Linkel, seconded by Tom Wilson, all in favor, motion carried.**

**Approve Minutes: February 5, 2019:** Motion to approve the February 5, 2019 minutes by Tom Linkel, seconded by Tom Wilson, (Gerald Wendel abstained), all in favor, motion carried.

**Approve Claims:** Motion to approve the claims by Tom Linkel, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.

**Approve Payroll:** Motion to approve the payroll by Tom Wilson, seconded Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.

**Veteran Officer January, 2019 Monthly Report:** Motion to acknowledge receipt of the Veteran Officer's January, 2019 monthly report, by Tom Wilson, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.

**Certificate of Appropriateness:** Mr. Wilson corrected the information on the certificate of appropriateness that was approved at the February 5, 2019 meeting. It was stated at that time that the application was for the restoration on the site where the Church burned down. The application was actually for the lot located next to the lot where the Church burned down.


**County Engineer Vehicle:** With the County not hiring an engineer to replace Mr. Copeland following his resignation, the Commissioners discussed transferring the vehicle to the Area Plan Commission for their use. **Motion to transfer the County Engineer vehicle from the Highway Department to the Area Plan Commission by Tom Linkel, seconded by Tom Wilson, all in favor, motion carried. Motion to transfer the cell phone from County Engineer to the Highway Mechanic by Tom Linkel, seconded by Tom Wilson, all in favor, motion carried.** Mr. Linkel also announced that the mechanic had received his CDL license and will now be moved the first mechanic positions.

**Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn by Tom Wilson, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.


**Others Present:** Wayne Bauer, Pam Beneker, Joe Copeland, Mark R. Simmermeyer, Mildred I. Simmermeyer, Connie Gayda, Julia Teuschler, Perry Knox, SJCA, Amanda Lawrence, SJCA, Jeff Larrison, Glenn Bailey, Sara Duffy, Doug Graf, USI, Constance Bischoff, Wayne Monroe and Dee Kleier

Minutes approved February 26, 2019.

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Tom Wilson

  
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Tom Linkel

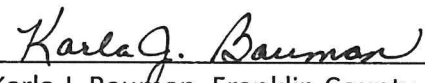
  
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Attested By:   
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Karla J. Bauman, Franklin County Auditor